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To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg re :KIng assassination records 8/19/78
Exemptions claimed-foreign police; public and other uses

I have already appealed the withholding of information from and the names of foreign police. I know of no case in which any withheld name was not public knowledge prior to the FBI's withholding and no case in which the affidavits provided even claimed that the withheld names were not public knowledge and in the sense in which they were withheld.

Yesterday's bizarre spectacle before and by the House assassins underscores the harm that results from unjustified, unnecessary and misrepresented withholdings falsely and baselessly attributed to a need to prevent the disruption of relations with foreign police.

Yesterday's is also the fourth case I recall of bad material being provided to the House assassins by the FBI in what has become a clear disinformation operation in which FOIA is misused to preclude truthful and factual information from being available to offset the disinformation.

On the face the story by Alexander Anthony Eist, retired Scotland Yard Inspector, aired on coast-to-coast TV and to the nation by other press means without the most rudimentary checking - merely on the FBI's referral-is inherently without credibility and to a subject expert is blatantly false. I do not presume that the FBI is without the factual knowledge required to perceive this. It has to have known the Eist stuff is total fabrication as it relates to anything other than his police employment. In plain English I allege a Cointelpro operation against the knowledge people can have via the committee and that any resulting reduction in the committee's credibility serves FBI interests. In this I am ascribing motive to the foreign-police withholdings.

Of course I appeal any Eist withholdings, name and content and reports, and the same for his (since dead) superior Butler, whose name remained withheld after I told the FBI how extensively it was within the public domain.But I am not limiting the appeal and the repetition of earlier appeals to this. I intend to include anything and everything in any way related to the King (as distinguished from merely MURKIN) and Ray investigations, wherever in or out of FBIHQ kept, from or relating to foreign police, except where there is certain danger to ongoing operations. Now that the disinformation consequences are clear the FBI can cease its current fabrications of conjectures of harm or litigate. The fact of these cooperative arrangements is well know. There is no need to pretend that knowledge of them is or even can be harmful, which is what has been done to manufacture an excuse for withholding what should not be withheld in an historicalcase in which the Department has stated it is disclosing all possible information. What Eist says he passed on has not been provided. It may be in London Legat files if not hidden also somewhere in FBIHQ. There is more like this and I intend to include all of it.